

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), herein "Notice," mailed January 10, 2008. The alleged non-compliance involves the digital signature ("/dr/") of Applicants' representative in the previous response, and in particular, the Notice alleges that "the digital signature is improper." Applicants respectfully disagree, and respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice, and reconsideration of the amendments and arguments presented in the response filed on October 19, 2007, and allowance of the application.

I. Examiner's Interview

Applicants' representative, Dave Rodack (Reg. No. 47,034) conducted a phone interview with Examiner Nhan T. Tran on January 28, 2008 with regard to the propriety of the alleged non-compliance. In particular, Applicants' representative asked Examiner Tran to review MPEP 501, which provides that the digital signature must consist only of letters of the alphabet, numerals, or both, with appropriate periods, etc. Examiner Tran agreed that the Notice was in error, and Applicants' representative offered to submit a response that summarized the discussion between Examiner Tran and Applicants' representative.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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